

HOUSE BILL 1089

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By: **Howard County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 13, 2007

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Howard County – Alcoholic Beverages – Beer Tasting**

3 **Ho. Co. 19-07**

4 FOR the purpose of broadening the scope of the wine tasting license in Howard County
5 to allow beer tasting under certain circumstances; prohibiting a holder of a beer
6 and wine tasting license from serving more than a certain quantity of beer to a
7 person in a single day; making certain stylistic changes; and generally relating
8 to the beer and wine tasting alcoholic beverages license in Howard County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
11 Section 8-408.1
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

17 8-408.1.

18 (a) (1) In Howard County, the Board of License Commissioners may issue
19 a **BEER AND** wine tasting [(WT)] **(BWT)** alcoholic beverages license.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) The [WT] **BWT** license authorizes the on-premises consumption
2 of **BEER OR** wine, containing not more than 14% of alcohol by volume, for tasting or
3 sampling only.

4 (3) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the license may be
5 issued to holders of a Class A beer, wine and liquor (BWL) license or a Class A beer
6 and wine (BW) license.

7 (4) The licensee may not serve:

8 (I) **WINE IN A QUANTITY OF** more than 1 ounce from each
9 given brand [to any one person] and no more than 4 ounces **FROM ALL BRANDS** to
10 any one person in a single day; **OR**

11 (II) **BEER IN A QUANTITY OF MORE THAN 3 OUNCES FROM**
12 **EACH GIVEN BRAND AND NO MORE THAN 8 OUNCES FROM ALL BRANDS TO ANY**
13 **ONE PERSON IN A SINGLE DAY.**

14 (5) The annual license fee for the [WT] **BWT** license [shall be] **IS**
15 \$100 in addition to the fee of any other alcoholic beverages license.

16 (b) The Howard County Board of License Commissioners may adopt rules or
17 regulations providing additional requirements to implement this section.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 July 1, 2007.